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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

New claims 43-45, dependent from method claim 32, correspond to pending claims 24, 25 and 28 and are thus supported thereby. No new matter has been presented, and entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request review and reconsideration of the issues in the "final" Office Action mailed March 28, 2003 in light of the discussion in the Response under 37 CFR § 1.116 filed on June 2, 2003 (mailed May 28, 2003) as well as the above new claims.

Applicants believe that in view of such a review and reconsideration, the pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. <u>273012011300</u>.

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